

PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT 1998-2000



Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall

WELCOME FROM THE SHERIFF

Welcome to our Department Report for 1998 - 2000. Nearing 150 years of service to the citizens of Placer County, we are proud of our Department's tradition, progress and technological innovations. Most importantly, I am proud of the men and women who dedicate themselves daily to make the Sheriff's Department successful in preserving and protecting the communities we serve.

This Department has seen dramatic changes in the last century. Crime has changed from the rugged stagecoach robberies of the past to sophisticated high-tech criminals. The operations within the Department have evolved also, so that today, deputies depend on the use of computers for many facets of their job.

We will continue our commitment to school safety through our School Resource Officers and Drug Abuse Resistance Education, (D.A.R.E.) deputies. D.A.R.E. programs reach thousands of children throughout the region with a community policing approach. Deputies interacting with children in a positive and educational program, provide instruction for serious situations that can arise. These children learn skills on how to make positive choices, enhance their self-esteem, manage anger and conflict, assert themselves and resist peer pressure. Giving children these



basic tools to live by can only generate a positive effect for our communities today and for the future.

In the coming years seventy percent of Placer County's population will reside in the southern portion of the county. With the continued rise in population, the need for a South Placer Sheriff's Facility is up and coming. We anticipate the future to be an opportunity for growth of the Department's programs and service abilities.

This report is a departure from our annual statistical reports of the past. That information is still available in our annual Municipal Advisory Council Reports. However, in these pages you will find profiles of the programs that serve the people of our county. As always, it is our honor and privilege to serve you.

Over 2000
children
graduate
from D.A.R.E.
programs
each year.



**Sheriff
Bonner has
been married
23 years and
has 2 sons.**

Edward N. Bonner

Graduate of UC Berkeley, 1973, BA in Criminology with honors

Hired Placer County Sheriff's Department 1974

Promoted through the ranks to Undersheriff

Elected Sheriff in 1994, took office in January 1995

Instructor at Sierra College - Ethics in Criminal Justice

Instructor at POST (Peace Officers' Standards and Training) Command College

Further Education

FBI National Academy 1984

POST Command College 1990 - class speaker/most inspirational student

Cal-Poly Pomona MA Management Science 1992 with honors

National Sheriff's Institute May 1996

FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development July 1998

POST Executive Development June 1999

POST Command College - Transition Management

HISTORY

It seems fitting to take a look back at the origins of the Placer County Sheriff's Department as we enter into a new century. Where we came from and how we have transformed help tell the story of who we are today and why we are dedicated to protect and serve.

The Sheriff's Department has always played an integral role in shaping the county. There are four eras that best characterize the growth and history of Placer County and our agency.

The name, Placer County, is derived from the Spanish word for sand and gravel deposits containing gold. The process of miners washing away the gravel, leaving the heavier gold is known as "placer" mining.

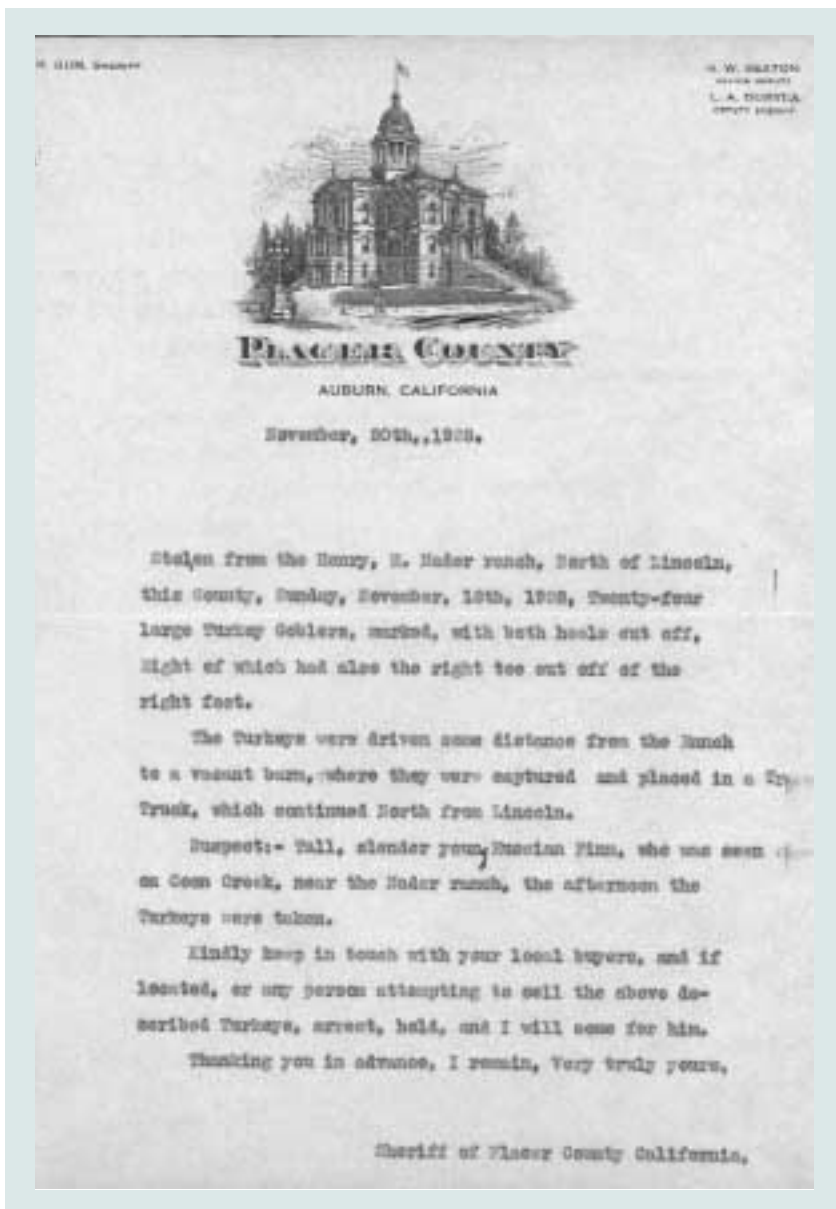
In 1851 when Placer County was formed, the gold rush and later, construction of the

transcontinental railroad from Sacramento activated the rapid population growth. The historic Placer County Courthouse set on a hill in Auburn originally held both the county jail and Sheriff's office. Some of the main functions of the Sheriff at that time were tax collector, jailer and officer of the Court.

As the 19th century closed, the population of the county stabilized as railroad builders then became farmers. Placer County became a thriving agricultural center where farmers grew a variety of fruits and other produce. Using the railroad, these products were sold and shipped across America. With the increase in land development came an increase in criminal activity. The local magistrates instituted the sentence of death by hanging for heinous crimes. The responsibility to carry out those sentences fell upon the sheriff.



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Criminal Report from November 20th, 1928.

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Farming slowed in the 1950's and gradually the area urbanized and became recognized for its unique qualities with wide-open terrain, natural resources and diverse weather for leisure activities. It was during this era that the use of radio transmitters in patrol vehicles was introduced.

The 1960 Winter Olympics at Lake Tahoe's Squaw Valley put Placer County in the international spotlight, promoting the area as a worldwide vacation destination.

During this period, both the Coroner and Marshal's offices were incorporated into the Sheriff's Department.

With the age of technology in full motion, computer firms and other businesses are attracted to the area. It has become a center for high technology development, advanced education; and continues to grow as more people choose Placer County for its rural community, low crime rates and strong, professional law enforcement.

UNDERSHERIFF

Undersheriff Steve D'Arcy has thirty years of experience in law enforcement, the last five with Placer County Sheriff's Department. It is the Undersheriff who helps ensure that the Sheriff's philosophies and directions are implemented.

Undersheriff D'Arcy is directly responsible for the daily operations and coordination of the four divisions that make up the Department: Field Operations, Corrections, Support Services and North Lake Tahoe. He manages a staff of over 400 personnel with a budget in excess of forty million. The Department serves to protect a population of over 120,000 including two contract cities and

the west and north shores of Lake Tahoe. Undersheriff D'Arcy obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Public Management from St. Mary's College and a Masters Degree in Management from Cal Poly, Pomona. He is a graduate of the POST Command College and holds a college teaching credential. He is married with five children, two living at home.

He is active in the community as a member of the Auburn Rotary Club, Sunday School teacher, board member of the Placer County Law Enforcement Chaplaincy, adjunct professor at Sierra College and Boy Scout counselor.

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**Undersheriff
D'Arcy
manages a
staff of over
400 with a
budget in
excess of
40 million
dollars.**



MISSION / CORE VALUES

Core Values

- We will constantly strive to meet the highest standards of honesty and integrity.
- We have pride in ourselves and take ownership of our work.
- All Department members will treat each other with dignity, courtesy and respect, regardless of position or assignment. This leads to identical treatment of the public we serve.
- We are involved in our community and seek to become a part of the world we serve.
- We will achieve professional performance through continual training, education and commitment to our duties.
- Management and subordinates are mutually accountable for their performance.
- There will be no tolerance for criminal misconduct by Department members, on or off duty. Such conduct will consistently be presented for legal review.

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Placer County Sheriff's Department is to maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work and visit.

This will be accomplished through safeguarding individual liberties, building community partnerships, preventing crime and resolving those crimes which do occur.

We are also responsible for the professional care and custody of those confined within our jail facilities. Other duties include those of marshal, security of the courts and efficient investigation of coroner cases.

We are committed to this mission and conduct our responsibilities toward a goal of excellence and with dedication to the community we serve.

CORRECTIONS

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Cost to house
an inmate is
\$66.89 per
day in the
main jail or
\$43 per day
at minimum
security.



Captain Steve Reader
Corrections Commander

Under the direction of Captain Steve Reader, the Corrections Division of the Department is continuously challenged with the growth of the inmate population. Recent grants have been approved to remodel portions of the jail in order to house violent offenders and options are being explored to separately house the mentally ill. Meanwhile, we utilize probation's Community Corrections Programs (electronic monitoring and work projects) more than most counties, with half our inmates involved in these alternatives.

A Correction Canine program was initiated in 1999. One dog is assigned to each shift.



They are especially helpful during drug searches in the jail pods as well as combative prisoner control. The presence of canine units in the jail has improved the positive behavior of inmates.

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is the only jail in the State to receive a two-year accreditation from the California Medical Association (normal accreditation is for one year). Our medical program is outstanding and used as an example to other counties. "The best program in California for the size of the county" and "Best relationship between custody and medical staff they had ever seen" were observations by the CMA team.

The Sheriff's Department continues to implement cost-effective and unique proactive methods to safely house criminal offenders protecting the community from crime and violence.

Marshal

The safety and security of the courts is another duty of the Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall. Deputies are assigned to all of the Placer County court facilities. There's a wide-range of functions covered. The deputies act as bailiffs, transport prisoners and staff the security checkpoints at all of the County's court facilities.

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**The inmate
population
grows
approximately
5% a year,
mirroring the
county's
population
growth.**



SUPPORT SERVICES

The Support Services Division provides assistance to all department operations. The division is comprised of the following units: Personnel & Training, Dispatch Operations, Vehicle Maintenance, Evidence, Civil and Coroner.

Dispatch

Dispatch operations, under the direction of Virginia Ferral, handles the countywide dispatch including 911 services. The unit processes more than 200,000 calls per year. Using a state-of-the-art Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, emergency calls are directed quickly and efficiently to Sheriff's deputies and the many fire agencies serviced by the Department's emergency communications center.



Virginia Ferral,
Communications Manager

Records

The Records Unit organizes, maintains and distributes all criminal, investigative and legal documents. Automated photo and fingerprint databases are also stored by the unit. Managing various permits, subpoenas, restraining orders and other legal papers issued by the Sheriff's Department allows the unit to respond to numerous requests in the legal process.

Evidence

Evidence technicians receive and safeguard all evidence recovered from crime scenes, as well as secure lost and/or stolen property. Unit personnel also are called to major crime scenes to locate and secure evidence, photograph the scene and assist investigators. Evidence is then held for criminal trial or in some cases, released to victims.



Captain Brad Marenger,
Support Services Commander

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AUTOMATED TECHNOLOGY

Coroner

The Coroner's Unit is responsible for determining the cause of death in sudden or unexplained deaths. To accomplish this, a team of certified pathologists is retained by contract to conduct autopsies and examine the circumstances surrounding such incidents. The Coroner's office also safeguards personal property until it can be returned to the next of kin.



Clark Moots, Technology Manager

Automated Technology

In order to keep pace with technological advances, the Placer County Sheriff's Department has formed the Automated Technologies Unit. This team of experts has helped develop, maintain and expand the Integrated Public Safety System (IPSS) which comprises the core of the computer technology for the entire department.

Continued improvements will soon allow the Sheriff's IPSS to link the Department's data with several other County Sheriff's and Police Departments in both California and Nevada. This will enhance our cooperative efforts to monitor crimes and criminals.

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**Placer County
Sheriff's
Department
is also linked
to both the
CHP and
California
State Park's
Rangers.**

Several IPSS milestones:

Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)	Operational 10/97
Video Mugshot System	Operational 07/98
Mobile Data Computing	Operational 04/99
Records Management System	Operational 07/99
Corrections Management System	Operational 07/99
Automated Field Reporting	Operational Fall of 2000

Some IPSS associated projects:

Livescan Fingerprint System
Megan's Law
TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids)
CAL GANG
Parole LEADS
CCAP (Career Criminal Apprehension Program)

VOLUNTEERS

Nothing has impacted the success of the Sheriff's Department more than the teams of volunteers that assist in accomplishing our mission by their service. With a broad scope of volunteers offering support with their skills, talents and time, the daily operations of the Department are enhanced.

STARS (Sheriff's Team of Active Residents) began in 1997 as a proactive, non-confrontational patrol. They are responsible for vacation checks, vehicle abatements, traffic control, transporting evidence and found property and patrolling high-crime areas. The STARS assist with street closures and traffic control during special community events as well as assist at DARE graduations, safety presentations and other local functions.

The Air Support Unit has successfully integrated local volunteer airline professionals with our own flight deputies. By serving and protecting from the air, the unit assists patrol in apprehending suspects, transporting prisoners long distances, locating lost persons and flying out injured or stranded citizens. The air unit operates two OH-58 helicopters, Eagle 1 and Falcon 30, (named in honor of Billie Bean - jersey number 30), and Eagle 2, a six seat twin engine Piper Navajo.

Reserves are highly trained volunteers who are peace officers. Supporting the deputies, the reserves assist by patrolling neighborhoods and working with deputies. They also volunteer to maintain safety at many community events and festivals.



In 1998:

**Total
volunteer
hours: 11783**

**Total
volunteers:
110**

**Several
volunteers
worked over
1000 hours
each.**

FIELD OPERATIONS

Patrol

The Department's top priority is to maintain the quality of life enjoyed in Placer County. This is accomplished by attracting and retaining deputies dedicated to protect life and property, enforce the laws, identify and apprehend law violators and promote and preserve the peace. As Placer County continues to experience rapid population growth, the Department will strive to continue the tradition of excellent public service.

Investigations

The Investigations Division supports patrol deputies by providing follow-up on crime reports, developing suspect leads, solving crimes, referring matters for prosecution to the District Attorney, serving criminal warrants, assigning detectives to special events, assisting probation and parole officers with supervision of criminals and initiating special investigations for the welfare of the community. The unit also performs as informational contacts for the public, business community and news media.

Crime Summary 1998 and 1999: Placer County

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft
1998	6	26	24	808	855	1427	37
1999	1	14	21	811	649	1344	27



Captain Ray Mahlberg,
Field Operations Commander

By the year 2007, a new corrections facility will need to be built to house the increasing number of inmates.

SPECIAL UNITS

Search and Rescue

Placer County spans over a large recreational area where many activities are pursued and enjoyed. The specialized teams of Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteers are regularly trained and readily available when needed. The teams provide ground search experts, including off-road motorcycles, canine, 4 x 4 vehicles, mounted units, swift water rescue and specialized mountain rescue.

Our SAR personnel are recognized throughout the state and are often called upon by other counties when major emergency searches arise.

Marine Patrol

Deputies patrol Lake Tahoe with Marine 1, a fully equipped search and rescue vessel. The lakes and rivers on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada Mountains are patrolled in summer months by deputies with smaller water craft. Some bodies of water they patrol include Camp Far West, Rollins and Folsom Lakes.

Canine

The Sheriff's Canine Unit provides specialized assistance in locating, controlling and apprehending suspects, locating missing or lost persons, performing area searches for illegal drugs and locating explosives. Recently the canine unit has been added to jail duty for added control.

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There are ten active canines in the Placer County Sheriff's Patrol Operations. They are professionally trained and tested before teamed up with a deputy. Each dog lives and works with an officer and is cared for at the deputy's home.

Special Enforcement Team (SET)

These specially trained deputies respond to dangerous situations with their highly specialized equipment. Most situations are resolved without the use of deadly force.

Explosives Ordinance Detail (EOD)

Members of the Sheriff's EOD team are specially trained to deal with explosives of all types. Responding to calls throughout Placer County and the surrounding region, these talented experts render suspicious

packages safe and dismantle dangerous devices and explosives.

The EOD deputies are outfitted with sophisticated and specialized equipment and safety gear insuring them the maximum margin of safety. The EOD team also frequently participates in training exercises with other bomb teams from Sacramento and Reno in order to maintain their skills and acquire new techniques.

On average the EOD respond to over 100 calls per year. Many of these calls are legitimate cases involving a dangerous object that must be rendered safe.



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■ In 1998, the total number of prisoners booked in Lake Tahoe was 865 or an average of 70 per month.

NORTH LAKE TAHOE

North Lake Tahoe Substation:
 2501 North Lake Boulevard
 Tahoe City, CA 96143
 530-581-6305

The Lake Tahoe substation of the Placer County Sheriff's Department expands as the area grows in tourism and population. There are over 60 Sheriff's personnel staffing the North Lake Tahoe Substation with a continuing goal to maintain the quality of life in the Lake Tahoe area. Both the deputies and staff are committed to keep the area safe for visitors and local residents with their dedication and excellence in serving the community.

In addition to the North Lake Tahoe Division and Colfax and Loomis substations, the Sheriff's Department staffs three Community Service Centers throughout the county.

Foresthill

24580 Main Street
 Foresthill
 530-367-3570

Granite Bay

4120 Douglas Boulevard
 Granite Bay
 916-791-5159

Kings Beach

8645 North Lake Boulevard
 Kings Beach
 530-546-5257

Crime Summary 1998 and 1999: North Lake Tahoe

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Domestic Violence
1998	0	3	9	205	222	366	2	48
1999	0	6	3	176	170	323	5	33



Captain Kent Hawthorne,
 North Tahoe Commander

COLFAX & LOOMIS

Contract Cities

Colfax Substation:
33 South Main Street
Colfax 95713
530-346-2220

South Placer, Loomis Substation:
16140 Horseshoe Bar Road
Loomis 95650
916-652-2400

The Placer County Sheriff's Department provides law enforcement services for the City of Colfax and the Township of Loomis. It is the philosophy of community-oriented policing that links these communities and the Sheriff's Department together. Relying on residents to provide



Lieutenant Dave Harris,
Loomis Commander

information to deputies as well as maintaining close cooperation with city officials and residents has resulted in high quality service to safeguard these rural communities from criminal activity.



**Law
Enforcement
service began
in 1996 for the
City of Colfax
and in 1984 for the
Township of
Loomis.**

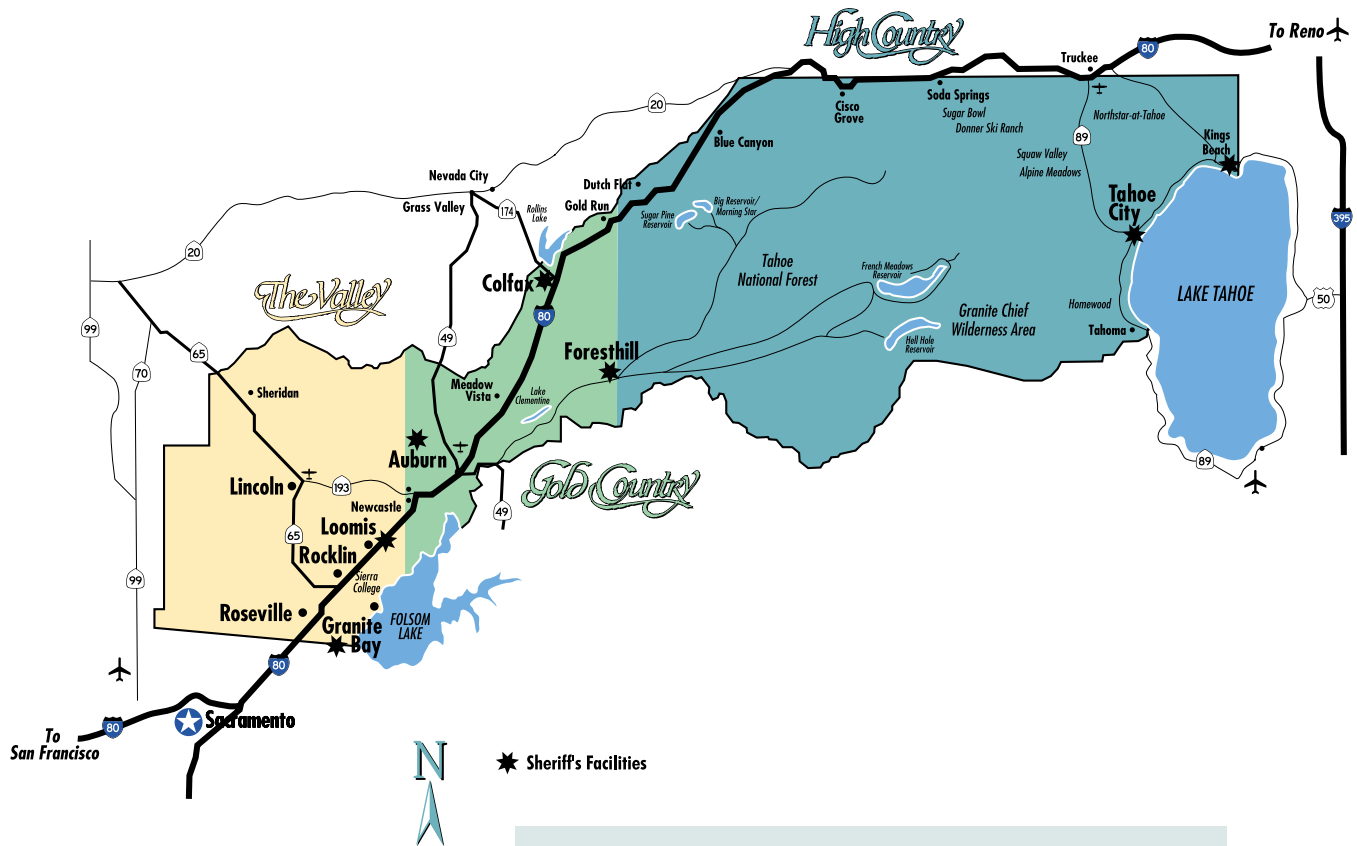
Crime Summary 1998 and 1999: Colfax/Loomis

	Homicide	Rape	Robbery	Assault	Burglary	Larceny/ Theft	Motor Vehicle Theft	Domestic Violence
1998	0	5	3	50	94	109	n/a	16
1999	1	0	4	53	71	108	n/a	27



Colfax Deputies

PLACER COUNTY



Placer County Statistics

Established:	1851
Area:	1,506 miles
Water Coverage:	95 square miles
Elevation:	40 feet to 9,000 feet
Average Temperature:	60.5 degrees
Average Rainfall:	35.91 inches
Average Snowfall:	216 inches (Sierras)

Population County-wide Projected:

1997	209,700
2010	330,518
2020	383,051

Housing Units County-wide Projected:

1997	93,960
2010	127,698
2020	149,182

BILLIE BEAN

William Bean

April 8, 1970 to February 9, 1999

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest for the labor,
Light for the way,
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy
Undying love. . .

-author unknown



1991 - 1995

Placer County Deputy Sheriff

1995 - 1999

Sacramento Police Officer

The Placer County Sheriff's Department salutes Deputy Bill for the passion he put forth in his achievements, his dedication for the good of others and the abundant life he seized.



Sheriff's Gold Medal Softball Team



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